



Transmission Business Line (TBL)

Business Practice

PARTIAL LONG-TERM FIRM SERVICE

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This document defines the partial long-term firm service options that Bonneville Power Administration's Transmission Business Line (BPAT) offers when full service is not available to meet a customer's long-term firm transmission service request. As specified in the Open Access Transmission Tariff (Tariff), section 19.7, BPAT makes an offer of partial firm service when it is unable to fulfill a transmission request in its entirety for either the term or the capacity requested, but is able to do so in part.

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A. Description of Partial Firm Service Options

Customers will continue to request long-term firm transmission service pursuant to the Tariff and BPAT's Business Practices implementing the Tariff. Upon receiving the request, BPAT will determine whether it has sufficient Available Transfer Capability (ATC) on the requested transmission path to provide transmission service for the period and capacity requested. If ATC is not available for the entire duration at the requested capacity for all years of the request, BPAT will determine whether it has sufficient ATC to satisfy some portion of the duration and capacity of the request.

BPAT will offer long-term firm partial transmission service when: 1) ATC is available in the full amount of capacity requested, but only for part of the term requested; 2) ATC is available for the full term requested, but for only part of the capacity requested; or 3) ATC is available for only a partial term and in only a partial amount of the capacity requested.

When partial service is offered, it will be based on the following attributes:

- The ATC for the maximum duration available.
- A consecutive term of 9 to 11 months for the full or partial term of the request.

These options are explained further below.

B. Long Term Firm Partial Service Options:

The following three long-term firm partial service options will be offered only in flat amounts and in long-term increments.

1. Long Term Firm Full Capacity/Partial Term Option

If the full amount of capacity requested is available for only part of the term, BPAT will offer the capacity for the period that it is available provided BPAT can provide a minimum of one year's service.

For example: If the customer has requested 75 MW for four years and it is available only for the first year, BPAT will offer 75 MW for one year and a System Impact Study (SIS) for the remaining three years.

2. Long Term Firm Partial Capacity/Full Term Option

If only partial capacity is available, for either the full term requested or for a partial term of at least one year, BPAT will offer the capacity that is available for the term it is available.

For example: If the customer has requested 75 MW for four years and 50 MW is available for the first three years, BPAT will offer the 50 MW for three years and an SIS for 25 MW for years 1-3 and for 75 MW for year 4.

C. Conditions of Long-term Firm Partial Service Offers

The following conditions will apply to options 1, and 2 above:

1. Long-term firm partial service is offered as specified under the Tariff section 19.7.

2. If BPAT offers long-term firm partial service, a customer requesting service (in queue order) will have the option to:
 - a. Accept the Long-Term partial service on an interim basis and remain in the queue for the remaining duration or remaining capacity requested;
 - b. Accept the Long-Term partial service and remove the original request from the queue for the remaining duration or remaining capacity requested;
 - c. Reject the Long-Term partial service and wait in the queue for service to satisfy the original full long-term firm request.
3. A customer that chooses to stay in the queue and either takes or declines the partial service option, will be required to sign and pay for a System Impact Study (SIS) which is standard procedure for long-term service requests unless the remainder of the customer's request can be satisfied if a customer(s) currently taking service fail(s) to exercise its reservation priority (i.e., the failure of the other customer(s) to exercise its reservation priority frees up sufficient ATC to satisfy the remainder of the first customer's request). If such customer has previously paid for and received an SIS for a long-term firm transmission request, the customer must then continue with the next steps in the process as specified in the Tariff (Environmental Impact Statement, System Facilities Study, Transmission Construction Agreement) to continue to stay in the queue. If a customer declines the SIS, and cannot have the remainder of its request satisfied through another customer(s)' failure to exercise its reservation priority, the customer will be removed from the queue.
4. A customer that chooses to stay in the queue must either accept the remaining duration or the remaining amount of the requested capacity not covered by partial service when and if it becomes available (through upgrades, contractual changes, failure of another customer to exercise its reservation priority, or otherwise) to fulfill the original request or it will be dropped from the queue.
5. If the customer refuses the remaining amount of term or capacity when offered, the original request will be dropped from the queue but the long-term partial service will continue as agreed.
6. As allowed by the Tariff, the customer may request and purchase short term and non-firm service, if available, during the period when long-term firm partial service is not available.
7. Requests for service must be made in annual increments, and offers of partial service will be for a minimum of one year. However, BPAT will make offers of partial service for the maximum term available, even if the maximum term is not an annual increment; for example, 18 months.
8. A customer with a contract for long-term partial firm service will have a reservation priority, as specified in Tariff section 2.2, if at the time of execution of the contract for partial firm service BPAT has the transmission capacity to continue firm service to the customer after the end of the contract term. The contract will define the available reservation priority rights, including limitations.

If BPAT does not have the capacity to continue firm service to the customer after the end of the contract term the contract will so specify, and the customer will not have a reservation priority.

D. Seasonal Partial Firm Service Options

There are two types of Seasonal Partial Service Options that would allow customers to receive long-term service for the majority of the year on a constrained path. These options are:

1. Seasonal Full Capacity/Partial Term Service

If the full amount of capacity requested is available in calendar month increments for a minimum of 9 consecutive months and up to 11 consecutive months for the term of the requested contract, BPAT will offer the capacity for that period.

For example: If a customer requests 5 years of service for 100 MW, and BPAT has 100 MW available for January through October for all five years, BPAT will offer a 5-year service agreement for 100 MW for January through October of each year.

2. Seasonal Partial Capacity/Partial Term Service Option

If only partial capacity is available in calendar month increments for a minimum of 9 consecutive months and up to 11 consecutive months for either the full term requested or for a partial term, BPAT will offer the capacity that is available for the term requested.

For example: If a customer requests 5 years of service for 100 MW and 90 MW are available for February through December, BPAT will offer a 5-year service agreement for 90 MW for February through December of each year.

E. Conditions of Seasonal Partial Firm Service Offers

The following conditions will apply to both options 1 and 2 above:

1. Seasonal Partial firm service is offered as specified under the Tariff section 19.7, as long-term firm PTP transmission service. It will be available only if offered by BPAT in response to a request for long-term firm service (a customer cannot request seasonal partial firm service directly).
2. The length of the customer's original service request must be for a term of 2 years or greater, and may not exceed 30 years in duration, the maximum duration of current long-term firm service.
3. The 9 to 11 months of seasonal partial firm service must be in sequential calendar month increments and must occur at the same time each year.
4. BPAT will offer seasonal partial firm service only in flat amounts (the same number of MW each month). BPAT will offer capacity for the remaining 1 – 3 months only if ATC becomes available in the same amounts. BPAT will not offer a lesser amount of capacity for the remaining months. The customer will be billed the monthly long-term rate for service, but only for the 9 to 11 months in which BPAT provides service.

5. As allowed by the Tariff, the customer may request and purchase short term and non-firm service, if available, during the period when seasonal partial firm service is not available.
6. If BPAT offers seasonal partial firm service, a customer requesting service (in queue order) will have the option to:
 - a. Accept the seasonal partial service on an interim basis and remain in the queue for the remaining 1 to 3 months of service and remaining capacity if any;
 - b. Accept the seasonal partial service and remove the original request from the queue for the remaining 1 to 3 months of service and remaining capacity if any;
 - c. Reject the seasonal partial service and wait in the queue for service to satisfy the full long-term firm request.
7. A customer that chooses to stay in the queue and either takes or declines the partial service option, will be required to sign and pay for a System Impact Study (SIS) which is standard procedure for long-term service requests, unless the remainder of the customer's request can be satisfied if a customer(s) currently taking service fail(s) to exercise a reservation priority (that is, the failure of the other customer(s) to exercise its reservation priority frees up sufficient ATC to satisfy the remainder of the first customer's request). If such customer has previously paid for and received an SIS for a long-term firm transmission request, the customer must then continue with the next steps in the process as specified in the Tariff (Environmental Impact Statement, System Facilities Study, Transmission Construction Agreement) to continue to stay in the queue. If a customer declines the SIS, and cannot have the remainder of its request satisfied through another customer(s)' failure to exercise its reservation priority, the customer will be removed from the queue.
8. A customer that chooses to stay in the queue must accept the remaining 1 to 3 months of service and the remaining capacity when and if it becomes available (through upgrades, contractual changes or otherwise) to fulfill the original request or the customer will be dropped from the queue. If the customer is dropped from the queue, the seasonal partial service the customer has accepted will continue.
9. A customer with a contract for seasonal partial firm service has a reservation priority, as specified in Tariff section 2.2, to the same capacity that the customer is purchasing under the long-term firm transmission contract. For example, if the customer has a contract for nine months of service each year, it has a reservation priority to the same nine months of service. However, this means only that, at a minimum, the same nine months of service will be available at the end of the customer's contract term. The customer must request annual long-term service. Thus, if a customer is taking nine months of service each year, but longer service is available (10, 11, or the full 12 months), when the customer's contract expires, BPAT will offer the longest term that is available, consistent with normal rules for responding to transmission service requests and for offering partial service. The

customer may not roll over its service and continue seasonal partial service if full service is available. Similarly, the customer may not roll over its contract for nine or ten months of service each year if a greater term is available.

F. Reserving Transmission for Partial Service Options

If the commencement of service is further than one year out, the customer must pay a reservation fee. For example: Assume the customer requests 75 MW for four years, zero MWs are available the first year and 75 MW are available for the remainder of the four-year term. If the customer agrees to take 75 MW for the second, third and fourth years, BPAT will offer an SIS (if the SIS can be offered on a viable timeline) for year 1, and the customer must pay a reservation fee for the first year of deferred long-term partial service upon execution of the contract.

G. Related Documents

- Right of First Refusal Business Practice
- Extension for Commencement of Service Business Practice
- Reservation and Scheduling Business Practice
- Any other documents that pertain to reserving or scheduling long-term firm transmission

TBL business practices are posted on the web site at
http://www2.transmission.bpa.gov/Business/Business_Practices/